



Subject: PLEASE READ! YAD Changes for 2009

To: The YAD Community,

For several years, it has been our pleasure to provide our Young Adult Division with light Shabbos meals free of charge following our services. Unfortunately, with the economic realities being what they are, this has become increasingly difficult for us to do. While Anshe Emet will continue to be a pillar of the Lakeview Jewish community, the shul has had to make some difficult choices in order remain fiscally responsible and still able to serve our broad and varied constituencies. As a result, YAD can no longer fully cover the cost of Shabbos dinners, and we are asking for your help to continue offering what we feel is an important piece of the YAD experience.

Beginning with our 5th Friday scotch-tasting event on January 30th, we are asking for each person to contribute \$10. The cost of the dinners will still be supplemented by the YAD operating budget, and rather than eliminate meals entirely, charging this nominal amount for dinner allows us to resume serving larger and higher quality meals. In keeping with Anshe Emet's commitment to Shabbat observance, when our events are on Shabbat we will not be able to collect money at the door. We are counting on you to RSVP and pay in advance! Payment is secure and can be done easily by following this link (fill in link here) or sending a check to Anshe Emet Synagogue, 3751 N. Broadway, Chicago, 60613. (Please write "YAD" and the date of the program in the subject line).

Since the beginning of the Jewish calendar year, the number one goal of the lay led YAD Core Group has been to create a welcoming Shabbos environment for the community. No one will be turned away, but if you are unexpectedly able to join us at the last minute, please take care of the payment early the next week. Likewise, if you need an adjustment to the cost, please let us know and pay what you are able to afford. With your help, we can sustain the YAD community during challenging times.

Remember, YAD exists for you! – young adults in the Chicago area. Your feedback is important. Please email Amanda Radman (aradman@ansheemet.org) if you have any questions, comments or concerns.

Thank you, and we hope to see you Friday, January 30th for services, dinner and...

I Love Scotch, Scotchy, Scotch, Scotch.

B'shalom,

Jonah Shifrin and Nadia Underhill
YAD co-chairs